

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5**

**DATE:** June 8, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Reports of Significant Developments and Activities  
Ending on June 1, 2007

**FROM:** Richard C. Karl, Director  
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**TO:** Mary A. Gade  
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The activities listed below are organized by site-specific activities, training/conferences, and stakeholder feedback:

**SITE-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES**

**Settlement Reached, Hospital Laundry Services, Wheeling, Illinois**

On May 29, 2007, the Agency filed an Administrative Complaint and a Consent Agreement and Final Order resolving the Administrative Complaint against Hospital Laundry Services, Wheeling, Illinois, with a \$41,242 penalty. The alleged violation was for Section 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. As part of the settlement, Five Star Laundry will pay a \$41,242 penalty to the U.S. Treasury. Hospital Laundry Services will have 30 days to pay the penalty.

Contact: James Entzminger (312-886-4062)

**RMP Inspection Conducted, Taminco Higher Amines, Inc. (Arkema, Inc.), Riverview, Michigan**

On May 15, 2007, Monika Chrzaszcz from the Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section conducted an inspection at the Taminco Higher Amines, Inc., facility in Riverview, Michigan. The purpose of the inspection was to review the Risk Management Program (RMP) that the facility has in place for the storage and

handling of dimethylamine, ethylene oxide, and isopropylamine, substances regulated under the RMP rule.

Contact: Monika Chrzaszcz (312-886-0181)

#### **RMP Inspection Conducted, BASF Corporation, Wyandotte, Michigan**

On May 16, 2007, Monika Chrzaszcz from the Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section conducted an inspection at the BASF Corporation in Wyandotte, Michigan. The purpose of the inspection was to review the Risk Management Program (RMP) that the facility has in place for the storage and handling of ethylene oxide and propylene oxide used in its ACCE plant. Both ethylene oxide and propylene oxide are substances regulated under the RMP rule.

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#### **RMP Inspection Conducted, Solutia, Inc., Trenton, Michigan**

On May 17, 2007, Monika Chrzaszcz from the Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section conducted an inspection at the Solutia, Inc., facility in Trenton, Michigan. The purpose of the inspection was to review the Risk Management Program (RMP) that the facility has in place for the storage and handling of vinyl acetate monomer, a regulated substance under the RMP rule.

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### **TRAINING/CONFERENCES**

#### **Level A Exercise, Cincinnati, Ohio**

On May 22-23, 2007, the annual Region 5 Level A Exercise was conducted at the Environmental Response Team (ERT) and National Decontamination Team (NDT) facility in Cincinnati, Ohio. Participants included Region 5 On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) and representatives from various Federal support agencies. The training included lectures on bio-sampling techniques and an exercise including Level A and Level C entries.

Contact: Steve Renninger (513-569-7539)

# STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

## Thank You Letter (Robert Buckley), Southeastern Michigan Combined Federal Campaign

Response Section 1 received a thank you letter for Robert Buckley from the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). It states in part:  
 "Congratulations! Your efforts during the 2006 Southeastern Michigan CFC earned your organization a Gold Achievement Honor Award. The success of this campaign could not have been accomplished without the support of organizations like yours. We take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to your organization and its volunteers that achieved exceptional employee campaign results. Your continuing support has been vital in providing needed services to our total community. You and your colleagues are "Super Heroes"."

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